

**REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JUNE 11, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Vice-Chairman Jeremy Weso called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Weso, Randal Chevalier, Ben Kaquatosh, Kathy Kaquatosh, and Rose Ponfil. MEMBERS ABSENT: Laurie Boivin (excused), and Wayne Waupoose (excused). Also present: Gail Bowman, Constance Chevalier, Kim Oshkeshequoam, Karla Kitson, Shawn Klemens, Dan Maine, John Wilhelmi, and Linda Peters, recorder

2. Moment of Silence. Jeremy Weso requested a moment of silence.

3. Approval of Committee By Laws

The Committee will table these By Laws until a full committee is present.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table the By Laws. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Boivin and Waupoose).

4. Approval of Minutes dated May 14, 2009

No corrections necessary.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the minutes dated May 14, 2009 with any corrections as noted. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Boivin and Waupoose).

5. Department of Transit Services: Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

Shawn Klemens informed the Committee that this Policy was adopted in 2002 by the Menominee Tribe and if approved, this Policy will be read and a signed acknowledgment will be signed by the current staff. This Policy is always available in the employee break room.

Ben Kaquatosh informed the Committee that this Policy is more detailed and stringent than the Tribe's due to the funding sources. The records are kept in a separate location, and the storage of these files have been inspected, and approved by the funding agency.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to recommend to the Legislature to approve the Department of Transit Services-Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Second was by Randal Chevalier. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Boivin and Waupoose).

6. Property Policy: Discussion/Recommendations

The Property Policy needs to be reformatted and will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion made by Randal Chevalier to table item # 6 (Property Policy) until the next meeting. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Boivin and Waupoose).

7. Set Joint Meeting with Enrollment Committee to discuss Enrollment Ordinance

The Governmental Affairs Committee and the Enrollment Committee will meet on proposed amendments to Ordinance #79-15, Ordinance #02-29, and the issue of dual enrollment.

Motion made by Randal Chevalier to set Joint Meeting Date between the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Enrollment Committee for June 25, 2009 starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Tribal Office Boardroom. Second was by Rose Ponfil. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Boivin and Waupoose).

8. Monetary Distribution Control Policy

This Policy is not ready for Committee action.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to table this item until the next meeting. Second was by Rose Ponfil. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Boivin and Waupoose).

9. Development of a Tribal Health and Safety Ordinance: Discussion/Action

Tribal Administration has been gathering a listing of consultants (mostly law firms) in the State of Wisconsin that deals with OSHA. John Wilhelmi stated that OSHA generally does not apply to tribal governments but could make case law to other tribal entities.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Laurie Boivin should consult with the chartered tribal business to find out the necessity to their programs, and Tribal Administration will continue to gather information on OSHA consultants and regulations

10. MITW Vehicle Use and Maintenance Policy and Procedures: Discussion/Recommendations

The Committee is still waiting for a clarification memo from the Legal Department on the liability and GSA compliance issue in regards to the the MITW Vehicle Use Policy and the Menominee Tribal Police Department.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to table this item until the next meeting. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Boivin and Waupoose).

11. Backgrounding Volunteers Policy: Discussion/Recommendations

Research was conducted to locate a Volunteers Policy, and nothing has been found. Ben Kaquatosh will draft a Background Policy that will include chaperones, volunteers, and interns, and will present this Draft at the next meeting.

12. Monthly Narratives

The Committee questioned the necessity of receiving monthly reports from the Director's. After some discussion, the Committee opted out of receiving reports.

Motion made by Randal Chevalier to cease Monthly Reports/Narratives from coming to the Governmental Affairs Committee. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Boivin and Waupoose).

13. Other Business

John Wilhelmi informed the Committee that Ordinance # 93-27 – Commission on Economic Affairs is still on the books. MTL accepted a motion from the Commission dissolving itself on April 13, 1995. This will become an agenda item for next month's meeting.

14. Adjournment

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Randal Chevalier. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Boivin and Waupoose).

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder/Transcriber
Recording Clerk, Chairman's Office